

**City of San Diego
MEDICAL MARIJUANA TASK FORCE**

**MEETING SUMMARY FOR
FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 2001 @ 12 NOON**

**COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION ROOM - 12TH FLOOR
CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
(This room is no longer available)**

**(For the remainder of this year, all meetings will now be held in the Executive Complex, 1010
Second Ave, 5th Floor, West Wing, Conference Room, use West Wing Elevators)**

Future Meeting Dates are as follows:

**July 20, 2001
August 17, 2001
September 21, 2001
October 19, 2001
November 16, 2001
December 21, 2001**

Time: 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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Attendance:

The following Task Force members were in attendance: St. Claire Adams, Dale Kelly Bankhead, Michael Bartelmo, Dr. Al Best, Larry Chaidez, Juliana Humphrey, Steven McWilliams, Jerry Meier, Dr. Daniel Pearce, Dennis Triglia. Staff: Paul Cooper, Alison Glennon, Ed Plank.

Introductions\Goals:

Juliana Humphrey introduced herself as chair of the Task Force. Other members shared brief bio information, their intended role in participating on the Task Force (i.e. patient advocate) or the results they would like to achieve. These included establishing community standards as a basis for recommendation to Council, educating the public, get safe medicine to people, establishing guidelines that protect patient's rights, make the law and compassion intersect, allow patients to make their own choices, address public perception on medical marijuana.

Timeline:

The Chair suggested following timeline: Report requested by Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee at August 8th meeting; second report to Council early in the new year with Task Force recommendations to be presented to Council next August.

Senate Bill 187, pending in the legislature, was mentioned as an item that would need quick turnaround if Task Force/City were to take position. Legislative Issues Subcommittees to meet and discuss and bring to full group for discussion at July Task Force meeting.

It was stated that Task Force might want to continue monitoring of Enforcement and Medical Research activities beyond one year period. Decision was to address any ongoing role for Task Force in recommendations to Council.

Subcommittee Structure

Chair Humphrey referred to the Council Resolution which established the Task Force and proposed the formation of subcommittees for each of the focus areas. These are listed below along with the identified chair for each subcommittee:

Patient/Doctor (Patient) Advocacy and Outreach (Chair: Ann Shanahan-Walsh)

Monitor Law (Law) Enforcement Efforts (Chair: St. Claire Adams)

Monitor Medical (Med.) Research (Chair: Dr. Drew Mattison, Co-Chair: Michael Bartelmo)

Legislative (Leg.) Efforts (Chair: Dale Kelly Bankhead)

Task Force members commented on topics they would like these subcommittees to address - (with subcommittee noted in ()'s), including: SB 187 (Leg.), inclusion of spasticity in the medical research on marijuana (Med), information on the efforts of the District Attorney working group (Law), community guidelines, identification of doctor issues associated with recommending medical marijuana use (Patient), registration systems and the statistics on medical marijuana arrests and prosecutions, including costs (Law).

Senate Bill 187

The Task Force discussed the current status of Senate Bill 187 which proposes to establish a medical marijuana registry including the issuance of identity cards. It was described as shifting the responsibility for overseeing the medical aspect of marijuana use to the Department of Health and away from law enforcement. The legislation is anticipated to go the governor for signature at the end of this legislative session by late August. Discussion indicated there were pros and cons to the legislation as proposed. The Legislative Subcommittee of the Task Force will meet to discuss the bill and report to the Task Force at the July meeting with a recommendation. Staff were to check if the City or County had established positions on the legislation to date.

Next Meeting

The group agreed to a Task Force schedule of monthly meetings on the 3rd Friday from noon to 1:30. The meetings will be held in the Executive Complex, 1010 Second Ave, 5th Floor, West Wing Conference Room. The next meeting will occur on Friday, July 20th at noon. The agenda will consist of subcommittee reports, including an overview of subcommittee goals and work plans to be reported for reporting to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services committee in early August. Discussion of Senate Bill 187 will also be on the July 20th agenda.

Other notes:

A video on the State Attorney General's Task Force on Medical Marijuana will be duplicated and provided to each subcommittee for viewing prior to next meeting.

Task Force members signed up for one or more subcommittees. The resulting roster is attached.

There was no public comment.